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## Co-op Rays on the Roof Wins \$350k State Bond Bill

by Cathie Meetre

It's official! In a fast-paced campaign kicked off just last December, made public mid-January and judged by the legislature in late March, the Greenbelt Cooperative Supermarket and Pharmacy Rays on the Roof campaign won an Independent Bond Bill from the state legislature.

With help from the Prince George's County delegation, Delegate Tawanna Gaines and Senator Paul Pinski who sponsored the bill to the legislature and Delegates Anne Healey and Alonzo Washington who supported it, the bill received legislative approval, which will result in

giving the campaign the \$350,000 it requested toward its approximately \$750,000 project. It's a win against the odds: requests for bond bills received by legislators often total \$90M for available funds of \$14M to \$16M. Funds will be available around June and the project must be coordinated with the state.

Support from the community was a pivotal factor. Greenbelt's enthusiasm for the project was evident to the legislators. Dorrie Bates, in her presentation to the legislature on March 9, was able

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## Residents Join Together To Walk for Greenbelt Unity

by Jack Hogan



PHOTO BY JUDY GOLDBERG-STRASSLER

Robert Goldberg-Strassler and Amy Knesel at Springhill Lake Recreation Center on the HUG Walk

Greenbelt residents walked approximately five miles together at the first Help Unite Greenbelt (HUG) Walk on Sunday. According to organizer Robert Goldberg-Strassler, the purpose of the walk was to bring the people of Greenbelt together by walking through the city, and he plans for the event to be an annual one.

"[Walking] promotes an environment of dialogue, it provides an environment of just getting out and exercising, and it's being together in a comfortable environment," he said. Goldberg-Strassler explained that the focus of the walk was for participants

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### What Goes On

**Sunday, April 7**  
1 to 4 p.m. Artful Afternoon, Community Center  
**Monday, April 8**  
8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building  
**Wednesday, April 10**  
7:30 p.m. Council Budget Worksession on Public Safety, Springhill Lake Recreation Center  
**Thursday, April 11**  
7 p.m. Pedestrian and Bicycle Task Force Meeting, Community Center, Room 112

## City Council and ACE Honor Local Educators' Excellence

by Jamal Williams



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

ACE Educators and City Council, front row from left: Patrick Gleason, Eleanor Roosevelt High School; Manuela Pagunsan, Greenbelt Middle School; Ayla Slonaker, Greenbelt Elementary School; Lauren Dustin, Magnolia Elementary School; Jasmine Giddings, Springhill Lake Elementary School; Jennifer Acree, Dora Kennedy French Immersion School; and Nina Honore, Turning Point Academy. Back row from left: County Council Todd Turner, School Board Member Joshua Thomas, Councilmembers Colin Byrd and Leta Mach, Mayor Emmett Jordan, Councilmembers Judith Davis, Silke Pope, Rodney Roberts and Ed Putens.

Teachers, administrators and staff make a difference in students' lives and on March 25 the Greenbelt City Council and the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) honored an educator from each of seven schools that Greenbelt students attend.

Formed in 1995, this is the 24th year that ACE has given out educator awards that serve as a way to give thanks to educators who contribute to the students reaching their highest potential. It acknowledges people that wouldn't necessarily be at the

forefront of appreciation, but nonetheless have made a lasting impact on students. In addition to handing out awards for both educators and students, ACE also initiates grant proposals and

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## 1.5 Cent Tax Hike Proposed To Fund FY2020 Budget

by Diane Oberg

At the March 25 regular Greenbelt City Council meeting and the first budget worksession two days later, City Manager Nicole Ard and City Treasurer Jeffrey Williams gave council a dose of reality. The issues they raised have been mentioned in past budgets but never so directly.

While the city's financial situation is good, Williams is concerned that the economic expansion, now in its 10th year, will at some point end. The city needs to be prepared so that it will not have to take measures, such as a large tax increase.

Ard's presentation kicked off the annual budget review where council holds a series of worksessions mostly in April and May to discuss the accomplishments, proposed budget and goals for each department and to identify possible changes. At least from the tenor of the presentation, and especially the Wednesday work-

session, councilmembers may not have much leeway in adding their pet projects to the final budget.

### Budget Numbers

If council approves the proposed budget, city employees will receive a 2 percent cost of living increase and a 3 percent performance merit increase. The city's cost for employee health insurance premiums is expected to increase by 10 percent.

Ard proposes to spend \$31.2 million balanced by an equal amount of revenue. However, despite a growth in revenue consistent with historic trends, Ard needed to propose a 1.5 cent increase in the city's property tax rate to balance the budget. The city must be careful here, however, as Williams noted that Greenbelt's property tax rate is already among the highest of neighboring municipalities.

No fee increase is envisioned for refuse collection or the Aquatic & Fitness Center.

### Challenges

Some of the budget issues stem from forces beyond the city's control such as the uncertainty surrounding federal and state budget priorities and grants

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Tulip Magnolia



# Letters to the Editor

## Walk a HUGe Success

A big hand to RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) and its founder, Robert Goldberg-Strassler, for organizing the first Greenbelt HUG walk! We had a beautiful spring day for making our trek across Greenbelt, from Indian Creek in West Greenbelt to Schrom Hills Park in East Greenbelt. It was such a joy to meet and greet our neighbors throughout the city, to visit streets and parks that some of us may have been less familiar with, to be greeted by kind volunteers offering refreshments and smiles of encouragement at each stop along the way, and to feel and witness community engagement and pride in our city.

There were numerous co-sponsors that helped to make the HUG walk happen, and the participation of the Greenbelt police ensured safe street crossings for our large group. We were also very grateful for the Greenbelt Connection shuttle service at the end of our long walk! Our biggest thank you goes directly to Robert and the Goldberg-Strassler family for all of their efforts to make this walk a huge success. We hope this becomes a new Greenbelt tradition!

With a warm “HUG” of gratitude,

Laura Bonkosky  
and Bob Rand

## A HUG a Day Keeps The Rain at Bay

Greenbelt, at its finest, was on full display on Sunday afternoon, March 31. The brainchild of Robert Goldberg-Strassler, the HUG (Help Unite Greenbelt) walk was a lovely (albeit windy) afternoon stroll through the nooks and crannies that make up One Greenbelt.

The walk began at Indian Creek Trail (near Beltway Plaza), with stops at Springhill Lake/Franklin Park, Windsor Green, Roosevelt Center, Buddy Attick Park, Greenbriar and rejoicing at our terminus, Schrom Hills Park. Community members were welcomed at each stopping point. Some did the full walk; others came and went and still others took the Greenbelt Connection bus that served all communities.

Throughout the walk, people commented on the areas they had never seen or known about, introduced themselves to neighbors they hadn’t yet met and reconnected with friends of old. Inspiration and good tidings reigned throughout.

The overarching message? Let’s do more of the same to encourage expressions of kindness, connection and community.

Simply put, thank you Robert!

Aileen Kroll

## In Defense Of Bradford Pears

The Bradford Pear is not a “beast” as the March 28 headline for Jason Martin’s fine article on the subject would lead you to believe. It’s just a tree and there is no tree that doesn’t have its good and bad points – just like us.

As a city official who was greatly involved in the proliferation of Bradford pears in Greenbelt, I share responsibility for this being done. At one time, the Bradford was considered the most perfect street tree. It had beautiful blossoms in the spring, spectacular color in the fall and a shady canopy over the street in the summer. It was not too big, but big enough to enable cars and trucks to drive under. It grew quickly and well in the narrow landscape strips between the curb and the sidewalk and was relatively disease free and drought tolerant. It did not procreate or bear pears that could plop on your head.

We first used these trees on reconstructed Southway, Greenbelt’s first boulevard. We filled the median with Bradfords, tulips and annuals and got rave reviews. Prince George’s County designated the Bradford pear as an approved and favored county street tree. Throughout much of the country, it became the “in” tree. The city, too, encouraged its planting. Our greatest success was in Greenbriar where the trees formed an elegant and colorful canopy over Hanover Parkway.

What we didn’t know was that nurseries, in their haste to keep supply up to demand, made use of other Callery pears causing reproduction. That produced seeds that birds spread about. They germinated to become unwelcomed, invasive trees. Those are not Bradford pears, they lack the branch spread and the color of the Bradford. Unfortunately, that train has left the station.

I don’t know how invasive these offspring are. They seem to favor edges of woodland where they can get sun. Thus, they are found along wooded sections of our super-highways where they provide a profusion of white blossoms this time of the year, decorating our commuting routes.

All trees are hazardous to an extent. When I lived in Greenbelt, my neighbor had a giant beech tree fall through the roof of his house. I annually had to have fallen Virginia pines removed from my back yard until I had them all taken down. Also, I had to regularly prune the giant oak next to my house to prevent it from dropping dead branches. These are all native trees.

If properly maintained and trimmed, the chance of

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## GHI Notes

Thursday, April 4, 10 a.m., Storm Water Management Task Force, Board Room;

7:45 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

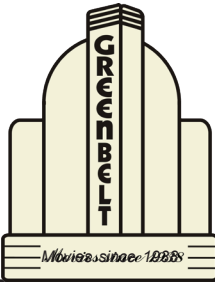
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Monday, April 8, 7 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room

Tuesday, April 9, 7 p.m., Legislative and Government Affairs Committee, Board Room

Wednesday, April 10, 7 p.m., Member Outreach Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby; 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday April 11, 7 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Board Room



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Wed. 2:30, 5:00, 7:30 PM  
Thurs. 5:00, 7:30 PM

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(NR) (2019) (90 mins)  
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Slow down and smell the cherry blossoms.

Pete Reppert

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## On Screen

## Aftermath: Passion After War

1946: post-war Hamburg is in ruins and the allied troops are in charge of rebuilding. When Rachel Morgan (Keira Knightly) arrives, she finds her husband Colonel Lewis Morgan (Jason Clarke) has made arrangements to live in a large house with the previous owners, a German widower (Alexander Skarsgård) and his troubled daughter. The house’s atmosphere is charged with grief and passion. Written by Paring Rhidian Brook, the movie is inspired from Brook’s family history.

R, running time 108 minutes

- Amy Hansen



# Community Events

## Invisible Vegan Free At Theatre Monday

On Monday, April 8 at 8 p.m. the Old Greenbelt Theatre and Vegan Greenbelt MD will host a free screening of The Invisible Vegan, a 90-minute, independent documentary that explores the problem of unhealthy dietary patterns in the African American community, highlighting the health and wellness possibilities enabled by plant-based vegan diets and lifestyle choices.

This documentary offers both historical and contemporary perspectives on dietary trends among African Americans, showing how intertwined histories of slavery, 20th-century socioeconomic inequalities and the rise of Big Food have led to the increased consumption of and dependence on meat, processed junk food and fast food.

Psyche Williams-Forson, who appears in the film, will be the special guest speaker and leader of a question and answer session. She is an associate professor at the University of Maryland, teaching in the Women’s Studies, Anthropology and African American Studies departments as well as the Consortium on Race, Gender and Ethnicity. Her research on material culture and food has been published in her books Taking Food Public: Redefining Foodways in a Changing World and the award-winning (American Folklore Society) Building Houses Out of Chicken Legs: Black Women, Food, & Power. Her new research explores food shaming and food policing in communities of color.

For more information, contact bsglick@gmail.com.

## Thoughtful Discussion At Community Center

Honesty is the best policy, they say. How then do we explain the use of dishonesty as a social lubricant (“Love your dress.” “Great meal.” “I’d love to come but I have company (my own, which I like better than yours.)”? Would honesty work better as a lubricant than the small lie that eventually gets discovered? Can candor be kindness?

The thoughtful discussion group that has been meeting on Tuesdays at the MakerSpace tells you truly that as of Tuesday, April 9, the venue will change to the Community Center at least into June, during the reconfiguration of the pop-up movie theater in the MakerSpace. All those willing to share their honest thoughts, and some cheerful banter, are welcome.

## Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

All meals, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of April 8 are as follows:

Monday, April 8: Baked chicken breast with country gravy, mashed spiced yams, broccoli, biscuit, diced peaches, apple juice.

Tuesday, April 9: BBQ pork riblet, baked beans, collard greens, wheat hamburger bun, fresh fruit, cranberry juice.

Wednesday, April 10: Southwest chicken thigh, Spanish rice, Mexicali vegetables, wheat bread, mandarin oranges, grape juice.

Thursday, April 11: Salisbury steak with gravy, whipped potatoes, glazed carrots, wheat roll, fresh fruit, orange juice.

Friday, April 12: Cheese lasagna roll-up with marinara sauce, corn, green peas, Italian bread, tropical fruit, apple juice.

## Meeting to Discuss Sibling Loss

On Tuesday, April 16 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Community Hospices offers a gathering for discussion on sibling loss in the Community Center. The loss of this important relationship can create unique challenges that will be explored in an informative, supportive and inspirational discussion with supportive printed materials provided. For more information, contact Margaret Capurso, bereavement counselor, at 301-560-6002.

## Synagogue Annual Vintage Jewelry Sale

The vintage and costume jewelry sale at Mishkan Torah is scheduled for Sunday, April 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This will be a good time to find personal treasures or Mother’s Day gifts. Children can find something for mom and crafters can find objects to make into something unique. As in the past, prices will begin at less than a dollar, so there will be something there for everybody’s budget. There will be a minor jewelry repair station and a selection of quality handbags. Mishkan Torah Synagogue is located at 10 Ridge Road at the corner with Westway.

## Canine Good Citizen Test Offered April 7

Greenbelt Dog Training is offering the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Test and the Advanced Canine Good Citizen Test, developed by the American Kennel Club (AKC), at the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad Fire House at 125 Crescent Road on Sunday, April 7 from noon to 3 p.m.

Do you know how your dog would respond to distractions when walking in your community or what training you might need to take your dog out and keep them safe? AKC has developed tests to rate the skills of humans and their dogs to safely navigate public spaces. More specific information about the test is available at akc.org.

Allie W. Lee, owner of Greenbelt Dog Training and an AKC-certified CGC evaluator, will conduct the testing. For additional information, call 301-345-6999, email info@greenbeltdogtraining.com or visit greenbeltdogtraining.com.

There is a fee; all proceeds will be donated to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad where Greenbelt Dog Training classes are held.

## GVFD Open House To Recruit Volunteers

Join Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, April 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the Volunteer Recruitment Open House. Learn how to make a difference in the community by becoming a volunteer firefighter, EMT or administrative member of the team. Come to this open house to learn more about the fire service and local volunteers. There will be live demonstrations and hands-on stations throughout the day. Visit the GVFD Facebook page, facebook.com/engine35, for a schedule and updated details about the event. All are welcome to come by the firehouse to see what GVFD does and if they would like to be a part of it. Questions about the event can be sent to recruitment@engine35.com.

## Poetry Moment Reception Sunday

April is National Poetry Month. To celebrate poetry in general as well as local poetry, the Friends of the New Deal Café Arts is sponsoring a Poetry Moment reception on Sunday, April 7 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the New Deal Café.

The Poetry Moment Project was begun to provide people the opportunity to experience a moment of poetry as they walk through Roosevelt Center. The Poetry Moment box, mounted outside the entrance to the New Deal Café, features poems by local poets, selected by the Poetry Moment Committee.

At the Poetry Moment reception, a selection of poets whose work has been displayed in the Poetry Moment box will read from their works. There will also be time for open-mic poetry.

Local poets interested in submitting works for display in the box can find submission guidelines at newdealcafe.com/events/poetry-moment/.

## View Film Shorts With GCAN April 10

With all the craziness happening these days, take time out to watch some inspiring short videos, on Wednesday, April 10 between 7 and 9 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 114.

From Sweden to Belgium and Germany, from Connecticut, Massachusetts and Florida to California, students from around the world are doing something about climate change. Sit back, relax and spend the evening watching and discussing the images of young citizens who will shape the future. Popcorn will be provided. Feel free to bring another snack to share.

The last portion of the evening will be used for announcements and updates on local and national issues we are following. For more info, contact Lore Rosenthal, Greenbelt Climate Action Network, lore@simplicity-matters.org, 301-345-2234.

## Maya Angelou’s Life And Legacy at Library

On Saturday, April 6 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., ACE and the Greenbelt Middle School Book Club will be reading, reflecting on and discussing various works of Maya Angelou. Activities will include discussing content from her books as well as watching portions of a documentary celebrating her life and legacy. Adults and youth are welcome to attend and participate.

## At Greenbelt Park

Saturday, April 6: Potomac Watershed Cleanup. Join the Student Conservation Association for the Alice Ferguson Foundation’s annual cleanup as park volunteers help clean this area of the Potomac watershed. Wear sturdy boots and clothes that can get dirty. Gloves and bags are supplied. Preregistration is required at nps.gov/gree. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 8:45 a.m.

Saturday, April 6: Campfire program. The History of Greenbelt Park. From the Girl Scout Camp Conestoga (1938) to NPS Mission ’66 and the construction of the campground to what might have been – the 1972 proposal for The Spirit of America theme park. Golf course? Horse stables? A youth dormitory? All of these were originally planned for the “suburban oasis” of Greenbelt. Campground guests and the public are welcome for a traditional NPS campfire program under the stars. Meet at Campfire Circle in B-Loop at 8 p.m.



### Program Schedule

Friday Apr 5 - Thursday Apr 11

7 am	Greenbelt News Reel
8 am	Democracy Now!
9 am	Classic Film: Max Fleischer's animated Gulliver's Travels (1939)
11 am	Democracy Now!
12 pm	Greenbelt News Reel
1 pm	Strata (Archaeology)
2 pm	Democracy Now!
3 pm	Classic Film: Max Fleischer's animated Gulliver's Travels (1939)
5 pm	Strata (Archaeology)
6 pm	Greenbelt News Reel
7 pm	Democracy Now!
8 pm	Classic Film: Max Fleischer's animated Gulliver's Travels (1939)
10 pm	Democracy Now!
11 pm	Greenbelt News Reel

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Obituaries

Judy Lawson



Judy Lynn Lawson

Judy Lynn D. Lawson, 65, died peacefully at home on Southway on March 4, 2019. She was born in 1954 in Montgomery, W.V., to Dr. Charles and Leona Thompson. She attended college at Marshall University in Huntington, W.V., where she met her husband and soulmate, Gene Lawson. They were married shortly thereafter and moved to Greenbelt in 1975. Mrs. Lawson worked in computer management and legal administrative services until her retirement. She loved to read, mostly about cats and dragons, as well as work crossword puzzles and Sudoku. She enjoyed playing computer games such as Fishdom and loved to crochet. She would make all sorts of beautiful items for her friends and family and especially loved making little gowns for preemies.

Mrs. Lawson was also an avid animal lover having had numerous dogs and cats as pets throughout her life. For many years, Mrs. Lawson was a member of the Prince George's Choral Society. She loved to "make a joyful noise," and formed many lasting friendships with the other members. The highlights of her time with

the Choral Society included performing at the Kennedy Center, White House and other popular venues. Mrs. Lawson is survived by her husband Gene, sisters Brenda Thompson and Debbie (Larry) Litton of Charleston, W.V., and two sisters-in-law, Linda Lawson of Washington, D.C., and Janice Garvin of Carolina Shores, N.C. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Charles Edward Thompson. A private service is planned for late spring or early summer.

Sally Barcus



Sally Barcus

Sally Maitland Barcus, 68, died on March 28, 2019, after a courageous battle with peritoneal cancer. Ms. Barcus was born on November 4, 1950, in Wellsville,

N.Y. She graduated from Washington Lee High School in Arlington, Va., and went on to get an associate degree at University of Maryland-Baltimore County. She worked at the National Republican Congressional Committee, HIP and Goddard Space Flight Center, most recently as the financial manager for the Laser Communications Relay Demonstration Instrument which is scheduled to launch in 2020. For many years, Ms. Barcus was very active in St. Hugh's CYO, coaching softball and running the bingo fundraiser for the Labor Day Festival. She also played on Tanner's womens slow pitch softball team, which won the state championship multiple times.

Ms. Barcus was loved by her family, friends and faithful canine companions, Maya and Penny. Second to those, she loved volleyball. She played for many decades, until she was physically unable to do so. Over the years, she played on co-ed, womens and senior teams. Some of the team names were Beer Point, the Delicate Flowers (where her team nickname was Lotus), Spiked Heels, Stray Cats, Volleysaurus Rex, MD AU Stars and MD AU (AU for gold). She went to several Senior Olympic Games with the MD AU team and won lots of medals, including a gold. On the court, her laugh, competitiveness and spirit were contagious.

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We were saddened to learn of the death of Margaret Lundregan on April 1. A funeral mass will be held on Thursday, April 3 at 10 a.m. at St. Hugh's Church. Condolences to the family and friends of Sally Barcus who died on March 28. She had worked at Goddard Space Flight Center and played volleyball for many years. Condolences to family and friends of Virginia Nagel who died on Tuesday, March 26 at Crofton Nursing and Rehab. She was a longtime resident of Green Ridge House and member of Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church. A memorial service will be held at Crofton Nursing and Rehab on Friday, April 12 at 2 p.m. Condolences to the family and friends of Judy Lawson who died on March 4. She had lived in Greenbelt since 1975. Students and teachers at Springhill Lake Elementary School were particularly saddened to learn of the death of 44-year teacher Phyllis Klopach. Congratulations to Greenbelt artist Amanda Demos Larsen on

her exhibit, Look, at the Maryland Milestones Heritage Center Gallery, located at 4318 Gallatin Street in Hyattsville. The exhibit will continue until April 30. See photo on page 12. Beverly and Joe Parisi of 57 Court Ridge welcomed the arrival of their son Michael Angelo Parisi on March 25. His 2-year-old sister Zelda and grandparents Christina Kavanagh and Angelo Parisi of Greenbelt and Nancy Scholnick of Alexandria "couldn't be happier!" Former Greenbelters Heather (Martin) and Mauno Kork welcomed daughter Annika Sofia Kork to the world on March 28. Heather and Mauno work at the American Embassy in Yerevan, Armenia, and will be returning there shortly. Annika is the grandchild of Penny and Jerry Martin of Greenbelt and former Greenbelters Don Sivitz and Ann Piret Kork and the late Juri Kork. Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

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Fascism: A Warning

Mary Rooker, facilitator, with Tricia Most, Worship Associate; and members of the Congregational Read, including Keith Miller on piano.

Hear the reflections from a few of the Paint Branchers who met for seven weekly sessions to discuss Madeleine Albright's book, Fascism: A Warning. Speakers are James Alexander, Margaret McClellan, and Mary Rooker.

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# City Information & Events

### GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING

Municipal Building, Monday, April 8, 2019, 8:00 p.m.

#### ORGANIZATION

Call to Order  
Roll Call  
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag  
Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations  
(Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by \*] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)  
Approval of Agenda and Additions

#### COMMUNICATIONS

##### Presentations

- Eleanor Roosevelt High School – Raiders Basketball Team
- Earth Day Proclamation
- Oath of Office – New Greenbelt Police Officer
- Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Update
- Route 1 Velo (R1V)

##### Petitions and Requests

(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

##### Minutes of Council Meeting

##### Administrative Reports

##### \* Committee Reports

- Advisory Committee on Trees (ACT) Report #2019-1 (Sustainable Land Care Policy)

#### LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of Police Service Weapons
- 1st Reading

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- Community Advocates for Family & Youth (CAFY) Victim Witness Assistance Program
- Greenbelt 20 Minute Cleanup Initiative
- WMATA Trail Update
- Greenbelt Metro Station Discussion
- Council Activities
- Council Reports

#### SCHEDULING OF FUTURE MEETINGS

*NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail banderson@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.*

### MEETINGS FOR APRIL 8-12

Monday, April 8 at 5:30pm, **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane. *On the Agenda: Youth Advisory encouragement letters to neighboring municipalities, Crime Prevention, Advisory Committee Liaison Reports and NLC CCC Reports*

Monday, April 8 at 7:30pm, **CLOSED SESSION TO OBTAIN LEGAL ADVICE (See notice below)**

Monday, April 8 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996 and streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)*

Wednesday, April 10 at 7:30pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION re: Public Safety** at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Road

Thursday, April 11 at 7:30pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (CRAB)** at Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse, 6101 Cherrywood Lane. *On the Agenda: Approval of Minutes, Community Feedback, Draft Report on City Holiday Decorating Contest, Next Meeting and other matters as time permits. This agenda is subject to change.*

**The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.**

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a Closed Session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Monday, April 8, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building to consult with legal counsel regarding Prince George's County School Board.

The purpose of this meeting will be to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, and Youth Advisory Committee. Info: 301-474-8000

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## FAST BREAK BASKETBALL CLINIC

### AGES 8-14

Session # 236401-1

Springhill Lake Recreation Center  
6101 Cherrywood Lane

DATES: April 15 - April 19  
TIME: 9:00am- 12:00pm  
FEES: R: \$50, NR: \$60  
INSTRUCTOR: Brian Butler



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Please contact Brian Butler or Frank Jones at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 301-397-2212 for more information or visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation)



## 2019 SPRING CAMP

### Ages 5-12

Session: 236501-1

Monday, April 15 - Friday, April 19  
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8:45am-3:30pm  
R: \$204, NR: \$235

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### PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE TASK FORCE

April 11 7:00pm at the Community Center, 15 Crescent, Room 112  
Re: Budget Recommendations

#### BECAUSE SPRING!

The Pedestrian & Bicycle Task Force seeks members to join in its efforts to provide input and support regarding bicycling and pedestrian issues in Greenbelt. The task force meets once a month in the Community Center.

Contact John Campanile, [jbelltower@yahoo.com](mailto:jbelltower@yahoo.com), with any questions or safety issues you'd like to see addressed.



### Artful Afternoon

Greenbelt Community Center  
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Sunday, April 7



**1-3pm:** Make your own wooden marionette in a workshop with Larry Anderson. Seatings at 1pm and 2pm. RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED Participants will also be welcome on a walk-up basis while seats and supplies last.

**3pm:** Karagoz Theatre performs "The Magic Tree", a traditional Turkish shadow puppet performance.

**1-4pm:** Artists in Residence studio open house and sale, plus art gallery and historical programs

### SUMMER PUBLIC WORKS HELP

The City of Greenbelt Department of Public Works started a summer help program in the 1970's that continued into the 1980's. This program was re-established in 2015 and has been a critical part of the Department of Public Works achieving its mission to this very day. The Summer Help Program allows young people the opportunity to gain valuable skills, work in a professional environment, and earn some money while doing it. Summer Help personnel have typically been high school and college age people that are hired during their summer break to help the various crews within the Department of Public Works. These young people are given the opportunity to work with the Horticulture, Streets, and Parks crews learning unique skill sets attributed to each crew's area of responsibility. Summer Help personnel will gain experience using various tools and equipment including power tools, tractors, ride-on lawnmowers, chainsaws, jack hammers, skid loaders, etc. They will also acquire valuable knowledge in plant care, landscaping, carpentry, street maintenance and repair, machine and equipment operation, etc. If you are someone who enjoys working outdoors and wants to experience what it takes to keep a city running then apply for a Summer Help position. Applications will be available at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/jobs](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/jobs) in a few weeks.





# Obituaries continued

She is survived by her daughter, Erin Barcus of Alexandria, Va.; son James Barcus of Greenbelt; sister Joanne (Frank) Gum of Delmar, Del.; sister Gail (Rod) Brown of Ryegate, Vt.; and brother John (Angie) Maitland of Chapin, S.C. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Ann Maitland.

A celebration of Ms. Barcus's life will be held on Friday, April 26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Historic Savage Mill Manor, 8502 Fair Street, Savage, Md.



## In Memoriam

### George Daffan III

by Rick Ransom

George Daffan III, whose passing was noted in a previous edition of the News Review, was a Greenbelt kid from birth. He grew up in the 11 Court of Hillside with an older half-brother, Jimmy Eddins. He attended Greenbelt North End Elementary, Greenbelt Junior High School and High Point High School.

George went to work at Woody's Flying 'A' Gas station (now Greenbelt Sunoco) after high school. It's where I met him, although I had left my stint at Woody's shortly before George arrived. It seems that for Greenbelt boys of that time, working at Woody's was a rite of passage. George was a mechanic and helped to run the station along with Frank Shifflet, another Greenbelt kid, when Woody left for the day and on Saturdays. George stayed at Woody's for a number of years.

After Woody's, George worked at a fire restoration service. These are the folks who clean up the mess after a fire. This job came to him somewhat naturally because he had become a volunteer firefighter at the Greenbelt firehouse at the age of 16.

George was first married to Sharon Longaneker, a Greenbelt girl also from the North End of town. They had a daughter, Kelly Daffan Ernst. The marriage ended in divorce and Sharon moved to Florida, but George kept in touch with Kelly and was able to visit recently for the marriage of his granddaughter.

George subsequently married Lisa Gibson from Greenbelt and together they had two sons, George Daffan IV and Vincent. Vinnie contracted bone cancer at the age of three, and after a battle comprised of many difficult treatments, he succumbed to his illness at age 4. I got to know George and Lisa much better during this time. I started a fundraiser for them by selling a homemade tape of songs, one of which was written about Vinnie.

Lisa later gave birth to a daughter, Taylor. When George first became sick, it was Lisa who moved in to take care of him, despite the fact that their marriage had ended. She noted that he remained her best friend until his passing.

A celebration of life was held for George, appropriately at the firehouse, last Saturday, attended by about 50 of his friends and relatives. Lisa had asked me to

### Carol Holbrook Price

Carol Holbrook Price died on Saturday, March 23, 2019. She was born on June 1, 1934, outside Boston, Mass.

In 1970 Mrs. Price moved to University Park before moving to Greenbelt (6 Crescent) for around 15 years. She attended the College Park Christian Science Church. She later moved to a retirement home near Princeton, N.J. She enjoyed simple dinners with summer corn, tomatoes and squash. She loved her family, and lived to serve others.

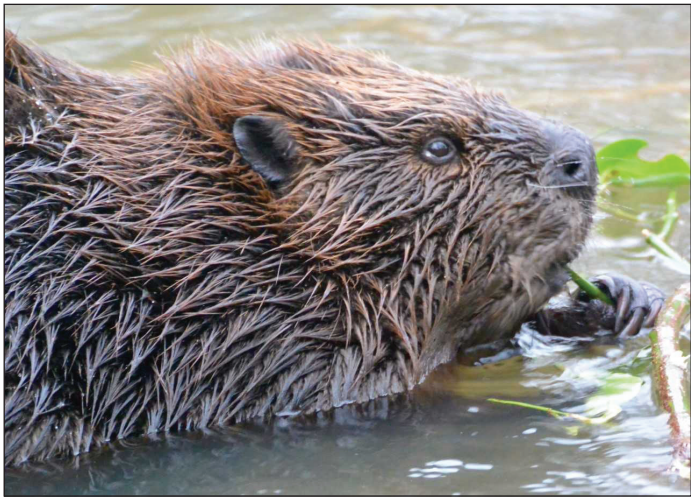
Mrs. Price is survived by her three children, Muriel, John and Julia, and four grandchildren. There will be no service.

lead it. Indeed, it was a heartwarming affair not in keeping with the somber tone of a funeral. Several noted their belief that George would rejoin Vinnie, "who would leap into his arms, like always." Frank related to me that he became George's good friend because George was "an all-around good guy who worked, hard, was reliable and was a good drinking buddy," which was also pretty much a requirement in the younger years.

George IV poked fun at his Dad and related light-hearted moments they had shared. He noted his Dad was always fixing somebody's car for them. Jack Leslie laughingly stated that George had once driven a firetruck in a little too much of a hurry, and apparently clipped some hedges in a yard while taking a turn. Tick Mangum related that when he was a rookie, George and Hoot Gibson tied him up in the boiler room as a "rookie's initiation" prank. Apparently they both went home thinking the other had cut him free. When they realized their oversight and went to check on Tick, he could barely utter the word "water," it being a particularly hot summer's day. They both turned and left him in there another 10 minutes after placing a jug of water on the floor. Some friends!

Several others spoke of George's kindness and how much he will be missed. I was proud to be a part of this ceremony because it reflected the best side of the family of kids raised in Greenbelt during the years 1950 to 1980.

See In Memoriam for Phyllis Klopach on page 16.



A beaver eats breakfast at Buddy Attick Park.



Bradford pear trees are in full bloom along Hanover Parkway.

PHOTO BY MARY MURCHISON-EDWARDS

# Letters continued

Bradford pears dropping branches is diminished. And because these are relatively short-lived trees, even though some in town are possibly over age 50, replacement plantings should be considered. I would suggest a city program to gradually replace the street trees, so that some of the new plantings can take size before all old trees are removed.

The problem is what to replace them with. Where do you find a tree as full of blooms in the spring, as brilliant in color in fall, as full and green in summer, as free of disease and as tolerant to extreme conditions in a confined ground space?

Jim Giese  
(Jim Giese was Greenbelt city manager from 1962 to 1991.)

Thank You

Greenbelt is great. Tony Schiavone is our mail carrier. Yesterday I had an emergency in my electric bed and was home alone. Tony came to deliver the mail, opened the door and yelled "mail" as usual. I was able to stop him and he came in. He got someone who cares for me. What a gift to know there is someone to help. Thank you, Tony and all Greenbelters.

Carolyn Karch

### Hooray for Scouting!

I was so excited when I read in the Greenbelt News Review that a number of girls had joined with Boy Scout Troop 214! As a Greenbelt pioneer I was a member of the first Girl Scout Troop in Greenbelt. At the time no girls were welcome in the Boy Scout program but that is what I always wanted. My brother's troop went out camping so many times. He learned to make a fire and cooked meals outdoors. He hiked and learned all kinds of knots that were so useful. He learned to canoe and I don't think he ever had to make a fun craft with Popsicle sticks.

My troop (Troop 69) didn't camp or hike or learn to canoe or make pioneering projects although we did manage to complete some important tasks like rolling up strips of sheets to make bandages for the men fighting in the war.

But I always wanted to be a Boy Scout so I could learn outdoor skills and now I could if I was still 13 and not 82.

Scouting has always been important for me and I have been involved for over 50 years. When I was a Girl Scout Leader in California I made sure to include outdoor activities. My troop ex-

ecuted 50-mile backpacking treks every summer in California's High Sierra for 30 years.

I became California Boy Scout Troop 314's first female Scoutmaster while I was still a Girl Scout Leader. When allowed, all my Girl Scouts registered in the Boy Scout program as High adventure scouts, then Venture Scouts. They earned the Fifty Mile Afoot-Afloat patch for their hiking. No rewards were available in Girl Scouting for their vigorous outdoor activities.

Boy scouting has filled a needed gap for girls and I salute them.

By the way, my sister Doreen Taylor was the president in Girl Scout Troop 69 in 1945! The troop decided to wear the red neckerchief with their long sleeved green uniform dress.

Are there any members still around?

Times do change.

Sharon Taylor Allemann



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to meet each other and to “embrace Greenbelt.”

Claudette Green-Thompson, who walked with her brother, said she felt energized afterwards. “I see people when I’m on my bus, but don’t really get an opportunity to speak to them,” said Green-Thompson. “This was an excellent idea for us to meet and greet, and talk to people as we walk.”

The walk began at Indian Creek Trail at approximately 1:30 p.m. and concluded at Schrom Hills Park just after 4 p.m. Participants were invited to join at the beginning or any of the five checkpoints along the course. These checkpoints included Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Buddy Attick Park, Roosevelt Center, the Greenbriar Community Building and the Windsor Green Community Center.

Goldberg-Strassler said visiting each of these checkpoints during the walk was a way to bridge the gap between Greenbelt neighborhoods. As walkers arrived at Schrom Hills Park, the finish line they crossed had messages written in chalk that read: inward action and happiness always follows a kind gesture; one little word can brighten someone’s day; and Help Unite Greenbelt. One walker arrived at Schrom Hills Park carrying a sign that read, “Hi Neighbor,” with hearts surrounding it.

“I’ve heard a lot of people saying, ‘well this is the first time that I’ve seen this neighborhood,’” said Mayor Emmett Jordan, who participated in the walk. “That’s really what it’s all about, sort of bringing Greenbelt together, because we are divided by major roadways.”

There was no official record of how many people participated in the walk, but photographer Gary Kohn estimated there were between 125 and 130 people.

Goldberg-Strassler said the walk was part of a grassroots movement called Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness, more commonly known as RUAK. He said participation in the movement includes gestures like smiling or waving to others, raking the lawn of a neighbor or writing a note to a loved one. “All the citizens of Greenbelt are part of RUAK,” said Goldberg-Strassler.

Because the HUG walk was a sanctioned one, the Great Greenbelt Volksmarchers conducted a trial walk prior to the event to ensure the course was safe and accessible. Pat Astille, who is a member of the Volksmarchers, explained that Goldberg-Strassler had the idea to include various community centers and popular Greenbelt locations in the course.

Goldberg-Strassler said he hopes for each successive walk to attract more engagement and participation and that the walk will inspire the RUAK movement’s pay-it-forward theme. Green-Thompson said it is the responsibility of Greenbelt residents to promote this theme.

“I think it’s on all of us to reach out to other people,” she said.

Jack Hogan is an undergraduate student in journalism at the University of Maryland and a reporter for the News Review.



Drummer Joe Park talks with a walker on the HUG Walk.

PHOTO BY AILEEN KROLL



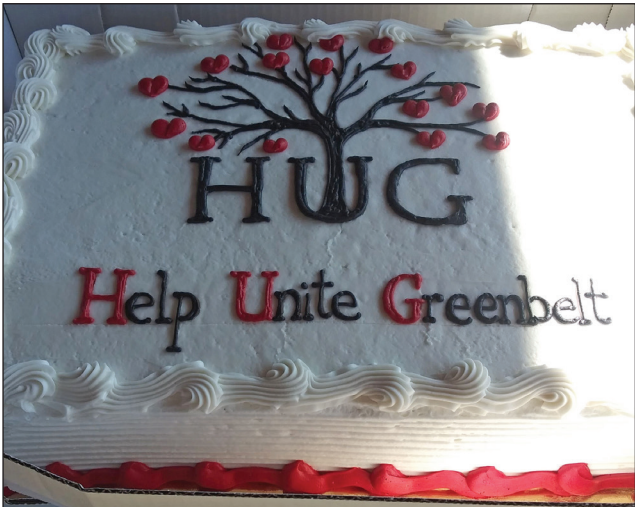
Silke Pope is ready for the HUG walk.

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Cathy Groen poses at Greenbelt Station at the beginning of the HUG Walk.

PHOTO BY JUDY GOLDBERG-STRASSLER



The final stop at Schrom Hills came complete with a yummy vegan cake.

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Young walker Josh

PHOTO BY AILEEN KROLL



Franklin Park Director of Maintenance Mark Pauley represents Franklin Park during the event.

PHOTO BY DENISE KNIGHT



Walkers pause to rest and write messages with sidewalk chalk outside Springhill Lake Recreation Center.



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Greenbelters gather for the HUG walk.

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Sidewalk chalk expresses the feelings of the day.

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# YAC, MD Delegates Discuss Roads, Highways, Broadband

by Matthew Arbach

According to Alison Longworth, recreation coordinator for the City of Greenbelt, a contingent that included members of the Greenbelt Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) had a meaningful, positive and rejuvenating experience at the Congressional City Conference of the National League of Cities on Capitol Hill. Held from March 10 to 13, the group had an opportunity to meet with Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen, as well as staff of Representative Steny Hoyer, primarily to discuss the issue of national infrastructure, along with education equity and justice reform. YAC member Malik Gupta, called the trip insightful, eye-opening and a unique opportunity.

The delegation included three YAC members (Chair Arsalan Siddiqui, Vice-chair Findley Holland and Gupta) along with Mayor Emmett Jordan, City Manager Nicole Ard and Longworth. They were joined by representatives of College Park, Gaithersburg and Pocomoke City.

The overarching topic of the conference was national infrastructure, specifically roads, highways and broadband availability, under the theme: mission Rebuild with Us. The YAC members mostly attended the Youth Sessions.

There was an opportunity for YAC members to attend a variety of other workshops. One concerned the National Youth Advisory Board, which provides resources and networking to youth organizations across the country for a wide variety of causes and initiatives. According to Siddiqui, another was devoted to justice reform, dealing with the issues of changes in incarceration methods and the need to reduce “sky-high recidivism rates.”

Siddiqui facilitated two workshops: Pooling the Power of Youth in the U.S. and Internationally, and Social Issues Discussion. The goal of the first was “to introduce the youth delegates to key examples of youth voice and engagement as a leading force for change within the United States and internationally and hear from federal and international leaders on opportunities to lead and make their voices heard,” according to Siddiqui. In this workshop, a pair of panels were convened, the first of which included Ema Smith, a former YAC chair, and Ahmet Sogultas, from UN Habitat; the second panel presented a former ambassador to Mongolia and officials from the U.S. State Department, Health and Human Services and the Peace Corps. The purpose of the second workshop was to expose youth delegates to how federal agencies engage youth and address issues of concern to youth today as well as develop priorities on issues they can address locally.

The March 13 meeting was dubbed Capitol Hill Advocacy Day and set time for attendees to speak directly with their congressional state representatives. Most were present in meetings with Van Hollen, Cardin and Hoyer’s staff. A list of talking points was issued focusing on many aspects of national infrastructure, including water, broadband and transportation, as well as several



PHOTO BY JUAN URCIA

Youth Advisory Committee members and other local elected officials meet with Senator Ben Cardin. The YAC delegation of Arsalan Siddiqui, Ema Smith (former chair) and Malik Gupta are standing next to Senator Cardin in the front row. Also shown are YAC liaison Alison Longworth (far left), Greenbelt City Manager Nicole Ard (far right) and Mayor Emmett Jordan (center back row).



PHOTO BY ALISON LONGWORTH

The Youth Advisory Committee joins other local politicians in Senator Chris Van Hollen's office.

pieces of legislation, including the FAST Act and H.R. 530, among others.

Both Siddiqui and Gupta made a point of bringing up topics of personal importance as well. Siddiqui stressed the need to address how the justice system can reduce incarceration and promote better rehabilitation to prevent recidivism. Gupta asserted the need for education equity, in terms of school money and resources being more fairly distributed throughout all communities. He said, “It’s more than textbooks. There is a mentality of elitism.”

Longworth, Siddiqui and Gupta all found their representatives engaged on their concerns for the most part, keen to offer “actual feedback,” said Gupta, and the intent of “here’s what we can do.” Longworth commented that Cardin’s first statement to them was a direct “What do you want?” She went on to say that while their meetings were mainly listening sessions, the representatives were all in complete agreement as to the urgency and necessity of the issues presented.

Van Hollen got special mention because of an opportunity to attend an actual Fiscal Year 2020 Budget hearing where he was one of the speakers, touching on some of the topics that had just been discussed. Said Gupta, it made him “authentic.” Of particular delight to all was a chance to listen to and meet Senator Bernie

Sanders (I-VT).

Gupta said that he plans on entering politics as an adult, so for him he loved the trip and it had an impact on his life. Siddiqui is unsure if politics will be his future, but he looks to always being involved in his community in a positive and grassroots level.

Asked for his takeaway impression from the trip, Siddiqui responded it showed “how things come together on a national level.”

## Gospel Choir Performs at UMD

The Maryland Gospel Choir gives a free concert on Friday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Dekelboun Concert Hall of The Clarice. Hundreds of voices have joined together to share joyous music through College Park’s gospel choir since its founding in 1975.

## Riversdale Hosts Chamber Music

The Riversdale Chamber Music Society will give a free concert on Sunday, April 7 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Riversdale House Museum.

Enjoy a spring performance by talented area musicians and mingle with them during a post-concert reception. Program to be announced.

Call 301-864-0420, TTY 301-699-2544 for more information.

# NASA Officials Present Plans For Goddard Space Flight Ctr.

by Jamal Williams

Representatives of Goddard Space Flight Center explained the implementation of the center’s master plan during the Greenbelt City Council meeting on March 25.

The Greenbelt campus is set to be finished with construction around 2037. The construction includes facilities such as an instrument development facility, a development lab and a processing facility. “The master plan has been periodically changed and modifications have been made based on the passage of time and changes in the industry,” said Raymond Rubilotta, director of Management Operations. Since February, the full plan has been in its infancy stages as Goddard prepares for a 30-month process.

The purpose of the plan is to best position Goddard to meet center goals and objectives for the next 25 years. “A number of initiatives will continue to be revised and implemented,” Rubilotta said. The master plan contains information from various internal and external stakeholders and engineering disciplines. “Nothing is set in stone. It will go out for public review, as well as being looked at by congressional and state officials,” Rubilotta said.

Specific details about the master plan will be integrated as the process continues in the proceeding stages of work.

*Jamal Williams is a graduate student in journalism at the University of Maryland and a reporter for the News Review.*



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offers liaison services between the city and the schools.

Melinda Brady, chairperson of ACE, described the educator event as a way to highlight the communities’ most outstanding instructors. It is important “for them [educators] to realize that the community sees the work they do even when they think they’re just toiling in the trenches, being invisible,” Brady said.

According to Liz Park, staff liaison to the committee, ACE presents these awards based on nominations from area schools about two months in advance and selects one educator from the seven core schools. While educators are typically picked for the awards, it is not exclusive to teachers. “We specifically asked for any staff member that is making a difference in kids’ lives every day. That can be anybody from a custodian to the cafeteria lady,” Brady added.

The ceremony occurs once a year, and it is preferred that a different winner is picked to receive the award each year. Among the award winners recognized was Ayla Slonaker, Greenbelt Elementary first-grade teacher, who was pleasantly surprised by the recognition she received from her students and her peers in teaching. “It feels astonishing. I was almost crying, surrounded by so much support. It is a wonderful feeling,” Slonaker said.

Slonaker’s admiration for the award gives credence to the hard work she displayed on a daily basis at Greenbelt Elementary. “The award means that I’m doing something right. A lot of times in teaching you wonder if you are helping as much as you need to. So every once in a while just to get that support from my students and faculty is great,” Slonaker said.

ACE ultimately serves as a pathway to bring unrecognized educators to the forefront and show that anyone has a chance to make a lasting effect on a student’s life. “Keep on keeping on because some years are going to be different than others, so you just always have to give it your best,” Slonaker said.

Joining Slonaker in receiving the ACE award for 2019 are the following educators:

- Jasmine Giddings, Springhill Lake Elementary School: A T3 Grant Team Leader who is a model of teaching excellence, Giddings regularly plans rigorous units of study, integrates technology and develops daily lessons that generate a high interest level in her students.

- Lauren Dustin, Magnolia Elementary School: Her commitment to her students is evident when you visit her classroom. Dustin’s organized and purposeful environment allows the students to engage with each other and with the content. Her use of centers and small groups promotes differentiation to meet the needs of all students.

- Nina Honore, Turning Point Academy: She teaches by the motto, “All students have the ability to learn.” Honore extends this philosophy to include the parents of her students as well. As a math teacher, her goal is for both students and parents to understand the lessons.

- Jennifer Acree, Dora Kennedy French Immersion School: Acree has a unique gift of bringing art to life and incorporating

technology to display and model the art pieces the students create in class. She effectively introduces new art work that reflects the holidays or celebrations for each month in a way that is fun and also aligns with the curriculum.

- Manuela Pagunsan, Greenbelt Middle School: Pagunsan’s teaching style focuses on allowing students to see science in practice, teaching students about the scientific method, how to use scientific equipment and how to interpret data from their investigations. On top of her hands-on teaching, she also makes sure that students understand the concepts and have plenty of time to ask questions. She puts a lot of time and effort into making sure that her students are learning in an interesting way.

- Patrick Gleason, Eleanor Roosevelt High School: Gleason, an English teacher, has an excellent rapport with his students which shows through his sincere interest in them as individuals and in his consistently fair dealings with them. He truly likes and respects his students, which leads to his students generally respecting him and being pleased to be in his class. He constantly searches for new ways to make his teaching more interesting and more informative.

*Jamal Williams is a graduate journalism student at the University of Maryland and a reporter for the News Review.*

Montpelier Presents Fugitive Slave Lecture

On Saturday, April 6 at 2 p.m. at the Montpelier Mansion historic site in Laurel, Professor Robert Robinson will speak on The Fugitive Slave Cases: Moral Choice and Enforcement of Law.

As a teacher of legal ethics, Robinson has long been interested in the tension between professional obligations and moral imperatives. A stark example of this tension is when abolitionist judges were confronted with the question of whether to order the return of alleged runaway slaves under the Fugitive Slave Act. Robinson will explore the agonizing choices these judges faced and examine documents of the time, including runaway ads placed by Major Thomas Snowden of Montpelier.

The lecture is free. For more information, call 301-377-7817.

Free Drop-in Grief Support Group

On Monday, April 8 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Doctors Community Hospital will have a free drop-in grief support meeting at 8118 Good Luck Road, Critical Care Conference Room, 2nd Floor. This group provides supportive listening, sharing and psycho-educational resources to grieving persons. For more information call 301-808-5671.

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Spring Brings Out the Bikes  
What’s the Deal for Cyclists?

by Cathie Meetre

Cycling season is upon us and people with long powerful legs, riding focused over their drop handlebars, are zooming through the city traveling tens of miles at a pop and sporting lycra togs and aerodynamic helmets. Other more sedate riders have dusted off their sit-up-and-beg bikes and are tootling around at a leisurely pace. The rewards of cycling are significant. It is exhilarating, health-giving and offers a way to see a whole other side of a place. Faster than walking, it allows even a puny cyclist to cover a lot of ground quickly and to experience more aspects of the city than are available from a bike. One can, for example, ride almost completely off-road from Greenbelt to Hyattsville for a Sunday lunch. Or bike to downtown D.C. on the weekend and head back on metro. College Park Airport is a cool local destination on the trails and Rock Creek Park is a highlight. Further north there’s a trail from BWI to Annapolis. Greenbelt Park, too, offers a long loop of quiet road. Many people don’t know, for example, that the East Coast Greenway cycle route runs right through Roosevelt Center. Look for the little ECG sign next to the Sunoco station at Crescent and Gardenway see <https://www.greenway.org/> for information about this 3,000-mile trail that’s right here.

Greenbelt Cycling

The city has improved cycle provisions over the years but the amount of infrastructure investment has been limited and involves more line painting than the specific engineering and development of bike-safe separated cycleways paralleling roads. The notion of a bike/pedestrian overpass link connecting the three main city areas, for example, is a pipe dream that has long languished.

The question of cycle commuting between, say, Roosevelt Center and the Metro station or between Greenbelt Lake and Goddard Space Flight Center, reveals that cycle lanes sometimes abruptly start and stop – leaving cyclists back in contention with traffic.

Jeff and Laurie Lemieux are long time Greenbelt residents, keen cyclists, and Laurie is the owner of Proteus Bike in the Hollywood section of College Park. They run numerous recreational rides in and around town and themselves use their bikes extensively to get around .

As Jeff pointed out recently, “People ask me if it’s safe to ride to D.C. every day. But in my opinion the physical and mental health benefits far outweigh the risk from crashes. But you have to know how to

avoid heavy traffic and high-speed roads. Drivers are reckless and distracted, so it’s best to just avoid them if possible.” He goes on to say, “I would emphasize that it’s safe and easy to commute from Greenbelt to College Park or downtown D.C., but you have to know a few tricks. Like how to use the Spellman overpass instead of Greenbelt Road. And how to safely cross 201 at Crescent Road to the sidewalk up toward Ivy lane on the far side (the SHA side). And how to use the new Indian Creek trail extension between Cherrywood Lane and Branchville Road to get toward Lake Artemesia while bypassing the Beltway Plaza entrance off Cherrywood.”

BARC Biking

Beltsville Agricultural Center, though not in the city, is attractive to Greenbelt cyclists for its shady byways and is a natural commuter route from Greenbelt to Goddard Space Flight Center. Narrow lanes like Beaver Dam Road, however, are used by cars as a shortcut connecting Beltsville to Seabrook, though this route knocks off only a few minutes compared to the slightly longer Powder Mill route. Narrow and winding, Beaver Dam’s short sight distances leave cyclists vulnerable to speeding vehicles, although when it was closed a few years ago during the replacement of its one-lane bridge, drivers were only a little put out and recreational and commuter cyclists were much safer.

Looking Forward

Though Greenbelt’s hiker biker provisions continue to evolve, from Jeff Lemeiux’s point of view, “Greenbelt really needs a well-marked ‘Greenway’ all the way from Lake Artemesia and the New Indian creek trail extension through Greenbelt West on Cherrywood, past the Metro to Old Greenbelt and over the Spellman overpass to Greenbelt East. The Cherrywood Lane ‘green street’ proposal would be a start. Lots of green paint would help for much of the rest.”

How to Stay Safe On a Bike

- Observe all traffic signs – they apply to all road users
- Watch out for vehicles, especially at junctions
- Take a bike safety course with the kids
- Wear a helmet
- Keep kids on bikes under control, especially teens
- Just because your kid can ride a two-wheeler doesn’t mean they have any sense
- Check bike components, especially brakes
- Use flashing LEDs, even in daylight.
- Do not wait at intersections next to trucks. Be in front or behind.
- Watch out for potholes, branches and debris. Avoid drains.
- Watch out for slippery wooden bridges or walkways.



A special friend visits the spring pansies

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# Arboretum Has Cherry Blossoms

by Lesley Kash



Terri Dunahay and friend pose under a cherry tree at the National Arboretum.

To save time and money, avoid crowds and traffic, and still celebrate the cherry blossom season, the U.S. National Arboretum offers a visitor-friendly, lesser known alternative to the traditional Tidal Basin hike.

“Why don’t we come here all the time,” wondered Greenbelt resident Terri Dunahay, standing under a magnificent weeping cherry on peak bloom day. “It’s gorgeous, free, 20 minutes away and hardly anyone’s here!”

The Arboretum’s visitor center offers a self-guided tour booklet along with interesting displays and a friendly, informative reception.

“All the plantings invite a nice mid-day walk any time of year,” said Pete Garay, visitor center receptionist. “Of course the cherry blossoms are in full bloom now, but there’s also a unique bonsai collection and much more to see.”

In contrast to the hundreds of similar Yoshino cherry trees surrounding the Tidal Basin, the Arboretum offers the most diverse collection of flowering cherries in the United States. Strolling along the three miles of accessible walking tour, visitors can relax and enjoy the landscape. Alternatively, the guided tour offers an opportunity to learn about cherry trees dotting the rolling hills. All are well-spaced, marked and explained in the tour booklet.



Visitors enjoy a diverse selection of mature cherry trees in full bloom.

- Photos by Lesley Kash

For still more education, a visit to the research fields shows how this diverse collection enriches an active flowering cherry breeding program. The Arboretum’s world-renowned botanists create new cultivated varieties to beautify America’s landscapes.

Roland Jefferson, the first African American botanist at the National Arboretum, made cherry trees his life’s work. According to the tour booklet, Jefferson was first to realize the importance of preserving clones of the trees planted by First Lady Helen Taft and Viscountess Chinda of Japan. He started in the 1970s taking cuttings and by 1979 he had

cloned 100 of the original trees. He grew, researched, published studies on and co-wrote a definitive history of Washington’s cherry trees. As an international authority, he traveled worldwide on collecting expeditions, gradually gathering almost a half-million seeds. His cherry blossom diplomacy with Japan led to Japanese and American cross-cultural cherry tree initiatives.

The Arboretum is located at 3501 New York Avenue, N.E. and is open from 8 to 5 p.m. More information can be found on their website at [usna.usda.gov](http://usna.usda.gov) or by phone at 202-245-4523.

# Medicare For All Next Topic At Democratic Club Meeting

by Konrad Herling

If you think that Medicare for all is too expensive or that it’s the only long range route to assure that everyone in the U.S. has health coverage, then come explore this essential topic of American life with the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club on Friday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbriar Community Building, 7600 Hanover Parkway.

Among the speakers will be Vinny DeMarco of Maryland Citizens Health Initiative and Wala Blegay of the D.C. Nurses Association.

This topic has been at the forefront of issues that Democratic Party candidates are talking about in their travels to Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Mississippi. There is a range of approaches, from a single payer health care system similar to Canada’s setup, to a combination of government and private sector insurance, to providing the individual a public option choice.

A recent issue of Fortune magazine cites a report from a libertarian organization, Mercatus Center, that indicates that Medicare for all would result in a \$32 billion cost to the federal government over the next decade. However, the story goes on to say that there are costs that the government and individuals together already pay and that the current system has costs as well. Fortune reports that the U.S. spent \$3.5 trillion on health care in 2017, or roughly \$11,000 for each American, and is projected to spend about \$47 trillion on health care between 2018 and 2027 (add-



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Wala Blegay will speak at the Democratic Club.

ing up what the government, employers and households pay). Today, about 18 percent of U.S. gross domestic product goes to medical spending, a far greater share than most peer countries.

Potential for change always brings about concerns, sometimes strong opposition. In any event, there’s a lot to learn about the proposal of Medicare for all. As usual, there will be a question and answer session with the speakers after their presentation. The Democratic Club intends for this discussion to be helpful as our country determines which direction it should take.

The meeting is also an opportunity to meet old and new friends and to share ideas about the key issues of our day. Feel free to bring a treat to help with the hospitality committee’s efforts.

For additional information, call Nicole Williams at 202-321-4207.

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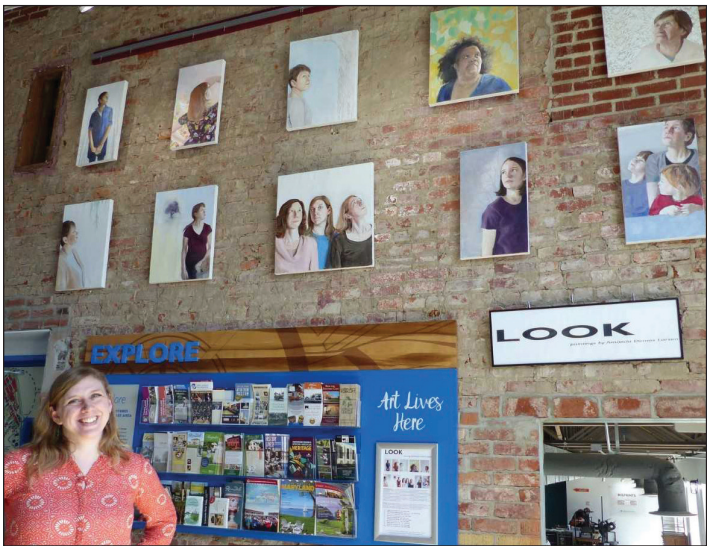


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Greenbelt artist Amanda Demos Larsen poses with her exhibit, Look, at the Maryland Milestones Heritage Center Gallery in Hyattsville. The exhibit will be open through April 30.

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to tell them that contributions were very much on track. Since that time Co-op has passed its intermediate fundraising target of \$400,000 in pledges toward the matching funds required for the bond bill, though Co-op will continue to raise funds to provide a contingency reserve.

End of the Beginning

Inspiring though this is, it is really just the prologue to the real work of making it happen. Co-op’s board and the project steering committee have been busy. Work has been progressing in parallel to ensure that the project will be ready to roll. Preliminary work on extending the lease and initial guesses on cost have given way to a signed lease and an increasingly solid estimate of overall cost.

Presented by the Co-op team to the legislature as shovel-ready (‘shovel-ready’ yields brownie points with the committee), the project should begin this fall and be complete early in 2020. Contractors have already responded to requests for proposals put out by the Co-op and final negotiations are underway. The roof has been assessed by a structural engineer that established its ability to support a ballasted array and an engineering consultant is participating in the selection process. It is a professional-class job and this was clear to the committee and its staffers, an advantage to the evaluation.

Nothing is Easy

It’s not a simple project. The existing roof is old and much patched. On it there sits the aging mechanical equipment for cooling the store and a number of other potential obstacles. Contingency planning is essential – and reserves must be set aside in case some or all of the risks are realized. Vital to the identification, evaluation and management of these risks is oversight by a professional consulting engineering firm in a process, already begun, that will continue throughout the project.

Order of March

The first part of the project to be tackled is to evaluate the location and status of the AC equipment and make any necessary accommodations needed to install the roof. Next comes the roof itself. Last up is the array. Project management orchestrates the scheduling of contractors and activities. By April, roofing contractors mostly have their schedules set for summer. As a result,

the likely start of roofing is in the fall with the array installed as soon as feasible thereafter. This tentative schedule has the work finishing in early 2020.

Working with the State

Not without its complexities is navigating the bond bill infrastructure with the state. Bond bill funds may only be expended after matching funds are spent, and there are procedures to be followed and standards to be met. The Department of General Services’ Office of Project Management and Design is responsible for working with recipients to fulfill the requirements. With experienced project management in the person of Steve Skolnik and an effective state liaison in Dorrie Bates, Co-op anticipates a relatively smooth ride, but one not without its challenges.

Keep the Momentum

Knowing the bond bill amount is an important element on one side of the financial equation. Final costs will come into sharper focus in the next few weeks. Only when the initial contracts are defined will Co-op have an accurate view of the anticipated overall financial position.

Co-op has stated that it intends to continue its fundraising campaign to ensure it can cover as yet unforeseen risks. Much is still hidden beneath the surface of the roof and as the project proceeds, it is likely that additional work will be needed. In construction projects, surprises can be expensive. Although the project team is working hard to identify and build in the risks ahead, much may be hidden beneath the roof. Having strong reserves gives the project team flexibility to adapt to necessary changes and capitalize on opportunities that may occur to improve the outcomes.

A Sea Change

Soon these columns will have a different tone, switching to construction lingo and echoing the clashing of steel. Ladders, cranes, crowbars and roof hatches will replace exhortations. There will be action-packed photos of hard-hatted roofers and a new vocabulary of ‘tear-offs’ and ‘modified bitumen’ to absorb.

Congratulations to Co-op and best wishes for project success.

Cathie Meetre is a News Review reporter who is assisting Co-op with a variety of tasks. She has no vote in any decision.

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and other issues such as a federal government shutdown.

Infrastructure

The city is also facing increasing costs to maintain its buildings, most of which are old. The Community Center, theater and outdoor pool are more than 80 years old. The Municipal Building and Youth Center are 31 to 55 years old. Even the city’s newer buildings such as the indoor pool and police station are over 25 years old.

The city has been funding repairs and upgrades to these and other infrastructure through current cash flow. That approach, however, has not raised sufficient revenue. There are over \$1 million in unmet infrastructure needs in this budget.

The city needs to consider other approaches such as bond sales. The city has not raised funds on the bond market since the 2001 bond issue.

Personnel

Ard proposes not filling two new positions: the mobility coordinator and the volunteer coordinator. In addition, two previously authorized police officer positions, two dispatcher positions and two part-time CARES employees are not funded in the proposed budget although the positions have not been deleted. In a phone call, Williams explained that the police department for several years has been understaffed by five to eight officers due to retirements and other departures. So, the budget will now reflect the reality that the department will most likely not reach and maintain its full complement of officers, presenting a more accurate projection of personnel costs. If the chief is able to fully staff his department, Williams says, the city will find the funds to hire them.

Minimum Wage

Personnel costs will also in-

crease over time, especially now that the Maryland General Assembly has overridden the governor’s veto of the minimum wage increase. Williams explained that the city has followed Prince George’s County’s minimum wage law and is currently paying a minimum of \$11.50 per hour. The state legislation calls for an \$11 minimum in 2020, \$11.75 in 2021, \$12.50 for 2022 and so on until it reaches \$15 in 2025. The increases take effect on January 1 of each year.

Williams said that the state legislation would first really affect the city in 2022. However, as the minimum wage increases it will start to also affect lower paid classified employees. The city must consider whether and how to adjust classified employees pay. The city cannot afford to give all employees a \$4 per hour raise, Williams said.

Changes Needed

Several changes in how the city operates were discussed at the Wednesday worksession. The first is for both council and staff to learn to say no. They need to ask themselves “Can we afford it” when considering taking on a new project or program and to recognize that Greenbelt cannot meet everyone’s needs and wants. As city employees retire or leave, the city should not blindly replace them at the same pay grade. They need to ask if this position is needed, especially if it has been vacant for a long time. Can the position be filled at a lower level or redefined to meet today’s needs?

Assistant City Manager David Moran pointed out, however, that staff and council must recognize that sometimes when they eliminate a position, they are also eliminating the services that the position would perform.

Councilmember Edward Putens urged also looking at what is not being done. Is the city collecting all the revenue it should? He recalled how the city took a long time to evict a Community Center tenant that was not paying rent. Williams agreed, saying that sometimes we have struggled with doing the hard thing. Council had authorized the eviction of this tenant but staff did not get it

done until much later.

Putens also called for the city to take a harder stand against requests for abatements (challenging the assessed value) by commercial property owners. Williams stated that staff does not have the knowledge of the real estate market needed to perform this work and would have to contract for these services. Unlike residential issues, where values are determined by looking at other homes in the same area, commercial property assessments are based upon the income stream, not the property value, which is more difficult to determine.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts said the city needed to stop property owners from rezoning commercial property to residential. Commercial properties, he said, are our bread and butter; they pay lots of taxes without requiring the level of services residential properties need. Councilmember Judith Davis pointed out that the city does not have the authority to prevent a rezoning.

Too Big?

Williams also cautioned that the city government may be close to or already as big as city residents can afford. In addition, with the likelihood of a downturn at some time in the future, Williams said the city needs to consider increasing the level of reserves (fund balance) it holds. He said that the current goal to maintain 10 percent reserves is sufficient to ensure that the city can meet fund operations without a loan until tax revenues start coming in. At 8 percent, the city has had to make such a loan in the past.

If a recession hits when the city has a fund balance of 10 percent, it will fall below that rate, Williams warned. The current guidance is to maintain 15 percent reserves.

More Info?

The budget document contains a wealth of information including the city manager’s introduction, an explanation of the challenges facing the city and detailed comments on each department’s budget. This document, along with several years of past budgets, is available on greenbeltmd.gov.

Reception for Artists April 7 at Montpelier

Join the Montpelier Arts Center to celebrate talented local and international artists, musicians and vocalists at the Montpelier Art Center’s free April public reception on Sunday, April 7 from 2 to 4 p.m.

All three galleries will be filled with beautiful artwork guaranteed to inspire and evoke conversation. In the main gallery, see Incommunicado, an exhibition that investigates the art and installations of various artists who use text in playful and meaningful ways to explore communication and human expression. In the library gallery, Jill Tanenbaum and Cathy Abramson showcase glassworks and paintings that feature the colors, shapes and energy found in and around urban settings. In the resident artist gallery, Patricia Phillips Bowden experiments with other painting media as well as 3-D objects to present an exhibition on cultural ancestry and the passage of time. The Montpelier Arts Center is located at 9652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel.



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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

**Robbery**  
March 21, 4:15 p.m., 5500 block Cherrywood Lane. A woman approached another woman who was standing outside Chipotle Mexican Grill, punched her and took her purse. She then fled on foot with a man. The woman who was punched said she is familiar with this woman. The investigation is ongoing.

**DWI/DUI**  
March 23, 3:57 a.m., Greenbelt Road near Southway. A 21-year resident was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol and other traffic-related offenses after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.  
March 24, 1 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. A 37-year-old resident was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by alcohol and other traffic-related offenses during investigation of a hit and run accident. He was released on citations pending trial.

**Reckless Endangerment**  
March 24, 11:21 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. What appeared to be a single gunshot was fired into a residence. No one was injured.

**Assault**  
March 23, 11:36 a.m., 6300 block Ivy Lane. Two women were involved in a traffic dispute and both pulled into a parking lot. One of the women exited her vehicle, approached the other woman, spit on her and then fled.

**Theft**  
March 21, 7:30 a.m., 8000 block Mandan Road. An unattended backpack was taken from the hallway of a condominium building.

March 23, 6:15 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive. A package was taken from in front of a residence.

**Vandalism**  
March 21, 9:45 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A rock was thrown through the bedroom window of a residence. The person suspected of doing this is known to the resident of the apartment. The investigation is ongoing.

March 22, 3:30 a.m., 6000 block Breezewood Drive. The

bedroom window of a residence was broken out. The person suspected of doing this is known to the resident. The investigation is ongoing.  
March 24, 7:11 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive. A projectile broke the balcony glass of a residence.

**Vehicle Crime**  
Four vehicles were stolen and three of them were recovered. A black 4-door 2018 Toyota Camry with Md. tags 9DR5247 was taken from the 100 block Westway on March 22.

A 2016 Toyota Camry stolen March 24 from the 9200 block Edmonston Road was recovered the next day by Prince George's County police on Sheriff Road near Harvey Drive in Hyattsville. A second 2016 Toyota Camry stolen March 24 from the 9200 block Edmonston Road was recovered the next day in the 9300 block Edmonston Road. A 2008 GMC Acadia stolen March 24 from the 9100 block Edmonston Road was recovered March 27 in the 6100 block Springhill Terrace. In addition, a 2010 Acura TSX reported stolen April 19, 2018 from the 8000 block Mandan Road was recovered March 27 by Prince George's County police in the 7600 block of Poplar Lane in Clinton.

A 24-year-old resident found with stolen tags was arrested on March 23 and charged with theft. He was released on citation pending trial.

Four tires and rims were taken from one vehicle in the 9100 block Springhill Lane.

Windows were broken out in three vehicles in order to gain access. In both the 7500 and 7800 blocks Mandan Road, a wallet was taken from each. The third vehicle, on Mandan Road near Mandan Terrace, was rifled through but it is not known if anything was taken.

Two incidents of vandalism were reported, in which paint was scratched in the 6200 block Breezewood Drive and on Springhill Drive near Cherrywood Terrace. In the latter, the person suspected of doing this is known to the car owner. The investigation is ongoing.

**Make a Marionette At Artful Afternoon**  
The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program welcomes visitors of all ages to a free Artful Afternoon on Sunday, April 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Community Center.

Artist-in-residence Larry Anderson will lead a free workshop where participants make a simple wooden marionette. Participants may start at 1 or 2 p.m. and the workshop ends at 3 p.m. Reservations are recommended to ensure a seat; follow the link at [greenbeltnmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltnmd.gov/arts) to sign up on line. Participants will also be admitted on a walk-up basis while seats and supplies last.

At 3 p.m. enjoy a free shadow puppet performance of The Magic Tree by Karagoz Theatre Company, which is based in Washington, D.C. The show will be performed by company founder Ayhan Hulagu, who learned the art of puppetry in his native Turkey. This performance tradition, which features colorful puppets made of animal hide, is recognized by the United Nations as a valued form of intangible cultural heritage.

Enjoy a variety of additional activities throughout the afternoon. See a new art gallery installation by Leslie Shellow featuring works on paper inspired by natural processes of growth, decay and regeneration. Meet the Community Center's artists in residence at an open house and sale from 1 to 4 p.m. Find beautiful and affordable paintings, prints, ceramics, fiber arts, funky jewelry, assemblages and more.

See the Greenbelt Museum's current exhibit at the Community Center, The Knowing Hands that Carve This Stone: The New Deal Art of Lenore Thomas Straus. Straus is best known locally as the creator of the Mother and Child statue in Roosevelt Center and the bas reliefs on the façade of the Community Center. From 1 to 5 p.m. enjoy a guided tour of the museum's historic house across the street at 10-B Crescent Road for a small admission fee. For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs, visit [greenbeltnmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltnmd.gov/arts) or call 301-397-2208. Arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

**At the Library**  
All Prince George's Library branches will be closed on Tuesday, April 9 for Library Appreciation Day. The Greenbelt Branch Library will reopen on Wednesday, April 10 at 10 a.m. All branches will also be closed on Sunday, April 21 for the Easter holiday. The Greenbelt Branch Library will reopen on Monday, April 22 at 1 p.m.

Teen Advisory Board: Poetry Month Workshop. Monday, April 8, 4 p.m., ages 13 to 18, limit 15 participants. Earn service hours while making the local library a great place for teens. Enjoy snacks, meet new people, become a leader. Registration required; contact the branch either in person or by calling 301-345-5800. (TAB meets weekly on Monday afternoons.)

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Community Led Book Discussion. Tuesday, April 16, 7 p.m. Join friends and neighbors to discuss contemporary books every month. This month's book is Enchantress of Numbers by Jennifer Chiaverini.

**City Notes**  
Animal control impounded a bird, two turtles and two cats, which were returned to owners. They assisted a resident with vet care on an injured cat. One dog and three cats were surrendered. Two dogs running loose were returned to owners. Two animals were trapped, neutered and released. One dog was adopted.  
Street Maintenance/Special Details prepared a grave at the cemetery.

Refuse/Recycling collected 26.78 tons of refuse and 12.51 tons of recyclable materials.  
Sustainability/Environmental prepared for and led the Arbor Day volunteer tree-planting event on Saturday.

The Youth Center hosted its biannual ping pong tournament.  
Mom's Morning Out preschoolers looked for signs of spring while exploring reading, math and science.

The Aquatic & Fitness Center welcomed the Special Olympics Swim Club.

Arts staff attended the Maryland State Arts Council review panel, where Greenbelt was praised for enthusiastic engagement in diverse program offerings for community members of all ages.

A new exhibition, Intricacies and Polarities: Meditations of the Natural World, by Leslie Shellow, is being installed in the Community Center Gallery.

At the Healthy Caregiving Solutions for Dementia workshop, CARES's Sharon Johnson introduced caregivers to free community programs such as the Memory Café, Memory Support Group and Caregiver Support groups.

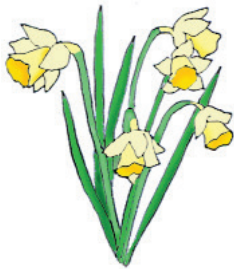
CARES's Darren Stephenson and two interns have conducted two sessions of Safe Dates, A Teen Dating Abuse Prevention Class, for youth ages 12 to 18.



Daffodils are blooming.

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# ERHS Students, Teachers Speak Out on College Entrance Scandal

by Louisa Ellison and Nathaniel Hawkes

On March 12, multiple celebrities were accused of paying for their children’s success on their SATs. Celebrities such as Felicity Huffman allegedly paid school officials to increase their children’s chances of getting into top tier universities. As students anxiously await responses from colleges, many are left wondering if recent allegations of dishonesty and cheating may have affected their results.

Many Eleanor Roosevelt High School students going through the application process said they were outraged.

When asked about his reaction to the scandal, Junior Kalil Greenfield said he was, “surprised, yet I was at the same time thinking to myself ‘Of course this would happen,’” he says this “because not enough security is being done at SAT exams in order to prevent this from occurring.” When he shared his own experience, Greenfield noted when he took the SAT, “they didn’t even check to see if my face matched my ID.” He adds that to prevent this, “they also need to have cameras in the testing site; that way you can see if someone breaks their neck to look over their shoulder, in order to see if someone is reading someone else’s answer.” This outrage is shared by seniors, especially those who have applied to top tier schools and haven’t gotten in. A high school senior who wishes to remain anonymous due to fear of backlash from school officials thinks “this scandal is a slap to the face to people who work hard in life to get into the colleges they want .... Seeing someone who makes it into college be-

cause they have the money to influence the admissions process really shows that the system is broken.” The senior adds “you can’t stop everyone, but preventing future cheating through setting an example now is a good start.”

Students also believe that this is harmful for the children involved. Senior Kierra Mayo believes that “it leaves wealthy children oblivious to the value of hard work and being rewarded for such hard work unless it is taught to them by their wealthy family.” Mayo thinks that the only way to stop this kind of behavior is “to ensure that the SAT score given to the child is a score that is earned and not paid for.”

Spanish teacher Hubert Willoughby has taught many students admitted to the colleges involved in the scandal. “I have students who really work hard at school and some went to Yale. I also have students who were denied those scholarships maybe because of what we have been hearing about.” Willoughby was enraged by the scandal. “We push our kids to excel and don’t settle for mediocrity,” he said. He continued, “the thing is for every one of those privileged people who got in the wrong way, one of our kids who worked the right way was denied an opportunity to get in.” Willoughby said that there might be some positive outcome to the scandal. “I think it might be a booster for some of the kids

who perhaps did not get into the program can now understand why, that it was not their fault as the applicant, that it was a lot of crooked, underhand stuff that denied them entry into the program.”

*Louisa Ellison and Nathaniel Hawkes are students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and members of the Raider Review student newspaper staff.*

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# GES Second Graders Portray Plant Growth Using Dance

by Ingrid Cowan Hass

Students from Jennifer Rosenberg Haouck’s second-grade class at Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) are learning about the cycle of the plant in science class with dancer Lisa Pellittiere. With her direction, the students have put together a dance narrative beginning with the tiny seed. Through dance and movement, the seeds sprout, grow, form flowers, are visited by pollinators, and then create and spread new seeds. GES is in its 5th year as an arts integrated school, where different subjects are taught through art forms like music, painting, or dance. Integrating the arts is an engaging way to teach, as students use the creative process to gain understanding through an art form.

Pellittiere visited each second-grade classroom three times to teach students topics such as germination and pollination. This project is funded by The Family Art Fund, a partnership between the PTA and the Greenbelt Association for the Arts, which brings local artists into the school to enhance the regular curriculum.

- Photos by Ingrid Cowan Hass



Kellen Mays uses his arm to show the root of a seed germinating.



Dance teacher Lisa Pellittiere discusses the germination of a seed.



Lisa Pellittiere waters the sprouting seeds.



Zoe Greve, as a bee, pollinates the flower, portrayed by Jessie-Marie Brown.

## In Memoriam SHLES Fondly Remembers Teacher Phyllis Klopach

by Eliza Hughes and Anne Wallace

Phyllis Klopach was born on August 10, 1952, and died on March 23, 2019. In between she spent 44 years teaching at Springhill Lake Elementary School (SHLES), as third- and fifth-grade teacher and finally as a teacher of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). She was a graduate of the University of Maryland and an ardent Terps fan. She was a member of Our Lady of the Fields Catholic Church, where a Mass of Christian burial was offered on March 27. She leaves behind her brother, William, her two beagles, Abby and Frisky, and an entire family at SHLES.

Many people who knew and loved her expressed their feelings and remembrances about Klopach. One of her students said, “She would always smile when she saw me in the hallway.”

Maria Frontanes, ESOL teacher at SHLES, said that, “with Phyllis, you always knew you could expect warmth, generosity and professionalism. She gave all of herself to her family, friends, students, mentees, colleagues

and fur babies, which she loved so much. She was always the first to start the most tedious task, even when no one asked her to do so.” Mrs. Nixon, first-grade teacher at the school, remembered that she was a pillar of Springhill Lake who “devoted her life to this school community.” Another student, remembering her involvement with students and their families, shared, “one memory I have is when Ms. Klopach told me and my mom about how my brother was doing (in school). Then, me and my mom would help him.”

Mrs. Seidel-Huseman, another teacher, added, “as I thought about Phyllis, I couldn’t stop thinking how much it meant to me when I heard that she had complimented me during my first years of teaching. If you’ve taught before, you know how difficult that time is and to hear that from an expert was really special.”

And in a fond farewell, still another of Klopach’s students said: “Te vamos a extrañar.” (We will miss you.)



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHLES

Phyllis Klopach

## MakerSpace Moving Sale



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Buyers flock to the Greenbelt MakerSpace rummage sale on Sunday, March 31. MakerSpace has mostly moved out of 125 Centerway and has found housing for many of its programs in other places in the city. Old Greenbelt Theatre plans to expand into the former MakerSpace home, using it as a pop-up theater during the theater’s HVAC renovation.

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